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SUBJECT: MARCH 8 TCWP: DISCUSSION OF UK MEASURES

UK AND EC COMMISSION DELS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION
AT MARCH 8 TCWP IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM US. NO
OTHER DEL INTERVENED AND PORTUGAL FAILED TO ATTEND
MEETING.

1. TEXTILES: EC COMMISSION REP EXPLAINED THAT UK
MEASURES HAD BEEN "COMMUNITIZED" AND CIRCULATED COPIES
OF EC REGULATION 3339/75 OF DEC. 22, 1975 FOR INFORMATION
OF GROUP. HE NOTED QUOTAS WERE IMPOSED WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE BILATERAL EC AGREEMENTS WITH SPAIN AND
PORTUGAL, THAT THEY WERE APPLICABLE UNTIL JUNE 30, 1976,
AND THAT THEY HAD BEEN NOTIFIED TO THE OECD, THE MFA,
AND THE GATT. UK DEL PROVIDED FIGURE OF 2835 TONS FOR
IMPORTS OF SPUN YARN FROM SPAIN IN 1975 (1973 AND 1974
FIGURES ARE GIVEN IN UK NOTIFICATION TO OECD). WITH RE-
SPECT TO PORTUGAL FOLLOWING DATA WAS PROVIDED (IN TONS)
ON IMPORTS:

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SPUN YARN MAN-MADE FIBER FABRICS

1973	5096	3370
1974	5837	3147
1975	7743	3648

2. TV SETS AND TUBES: EC COMMISSION REP EXPLAINED THAT SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM APPLYING TO IMPORTS FROM EC WOULD VIOLATE ARTICLE 30 OF ROME TREATY AND THAT IN ANY CASE IMPORTS FROM THIS SOURCE WERE RELATIVELY SMALL PART OF TOTAL SO THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF SURVEILLANCE WOULD NOT BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. US DEL SAID EC EXPLANATION APPEARED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SURVEILLANCE WAS CONSIDERED A TRADE RESTRICTION AND HE ASSUMED EC AND UK COULD UNDERSTAND WHY US WAS CONCERNED OVER ITS DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION.

US DEL EXPRESSED HOPE MEASURES WOULD BE TERMINATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UK DEL INDICATED PRESENT WAITING TIME FOR LICENSES IS APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS AND SAID NO IMPORT FIGURES WERE AVAILABLE FOR PERIOD SINCE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED. HE PROVIDED FOLLOWING DATA ON EARLIER IMPORTS (VALUES IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS):

	ALL COUNTRIES		EC	
	JULY-DEC 75	JAN 76	JULY-DEC 75	JAN 76
COLOR SETS	20324	2218	3342	397
MONO SETS	5980	1093	110	30
TUBES	11349	1648	1575	227

3. SHOES AND CLOTHING: UK DEL DECLINED TO DISCUSS STATUS OF VRA NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS THAT VRA'S NOT A TRADE MEASURE AND THUS HAD NOT BEEN NOTIFIED. TURNER

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